

# Elkhorn Biodiversity Preserve Species List

## Northwest Illinois Audubon Society

\* Indicates a non-native species  
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### Sedges (14) 13 Native

*Carex bebbii* – Bebb's Oval Sedge  
*Carex brevior* – Plains Oval Sedge  
*Carex brunnescens* – Green Bog Sedge  
*Carex diandra* – Bog Panicked Sedge  
*Carex stipata* – Common Fox Sedge  
*Carex stricta* – Common Tussock Sedge  
*Carex trichocarpa* – Hairy-Fruited Lake Sedge  
*Carex vulpinoidea* – Fox Sedge  
*Cyperus acuminatus* – Short-Pointed Flat Sedge  
*Cyperus echinatus* – Globe Sedge \*  
*Cyperus esculentus* – Field Nut Sedge  
*Cyperus filiculmis* – Slender Sand Sedge  
*Cyperus rivularis* – Brook Nut Sedge  
*Scirpus atrovirens* – Dark Green Rush

### Ferns (2)

*Athyrium filix-femina* – Lady Fern  
*Onoclea sensibilis* – Sensitive Fern

### Horsetails (2)

*Equisetum arvense* – Common Horsetail  
*Equisetum hyemale* – Scouring Rush

### Grasses (23) 12 Native

*Andropogon gerardii* – Big Bluestem  
*Schizachyrium scoparium* – Little Bluestem  
*Agropyron repens* – Quack Grass \*  
*Agrostis alba* – Redtop \*  
*Bouteloua curtipendula* – Side-Oats Grama  
*Bromus inermis* – Smooth Brome \*  
*Dactylis glomerata* – Orchard-grass \*  
*Digitaria filiformis* – Slender Crab Grass  
*Enchinochloa microstachya* – Barnyard Grass \*  
*Elymus canadensis* – Canada Wild Rye  
*Eragrotis spectabilis* – Purple Love Grass  
*Festuca sp.* – Tall Fescue \*  
*Leptoloma cognatum* – Fall Witch Grass  
*Oryzopsis asperifolia* – Rough-Leaved Rice Grass  
*Panicum oligosanthes var. scribnerianum* – Scribner's Panic Grass  
*Panicum villosissimum* – White-Haired Panic Grass  
*Paspalum setaceum ver. ciliatifolium* – Lens Grass  
*Phalaris arundinacea* – Reed-Canary Grass \*  
*Phleum pratense* – Timothy \*  
*Poa compressa* – Canada Blue Grass \*  
*Poa pratensis* – Kentucky Blue Grass \*  
*Setaria glauca* – Yellow Fox Tail \*  
*Sorghastrum nutans* – Indian Grass

### Rushes (2)

*Eleocharis erythropoda* – Red-Rooted Spike Rush  
*Juncus tenuis* – Path Rush

### Forbs (152) 115 Native

*Abutilon theophrasti* – Velvetleaf \*  
*Achillea millefolium* – Yarrow \*  
*Agrimonia gryposepala* – Tall Agrimony  
*Alliaria petiolata* – Garlic Mustard \*  
*Ambrosia artemisiifolia* – Common Ragweed  
*Ambrosia trifida* – Giant Ragweed  
*Amorpha canescens* – Lead Plant  
*Anemone canadensis* – Meadow Anemone  
*Anemone cylindrica* – Thimbleweed  
*Anemone virginiana* – Tall Anemone  
*Antennaria neglecta* – Pussy Toes  
*Angelica atropurpurea* – Great Angelica  
*Apocynum cannabinum* – Dogbane  
*Arctium minus* – Common Burdock \*  
*Arctium tomentosum* – Cotton Burdock \*  
*Arisaema triphyllum* – Jack-in-the-Pulpit  
*Asclepias amplexicaulis* – Blunt-Leaved or Sand Milkweed  
*Asclepias incarnata* – Swamp Milkweed  
*Asclepias syriaca* – Common Milkweed  
*Asclepias verticillata* – Whorled Milkweed  
*Aster ericoides* – Heath Aster  
*Aster lateriflorus* – Calico Aster  
*Aster linariifolius* – Flax-Leaved Aster (Stiff or Linear-Leaved Aster)  
*Aster novae-angliae* – New England Aster  
*Aster pilosus* – Hairy Aster  
*Aster praealtus* – Willow Aster  
*Barbarea vulgaris* – Yellow Rocket (Winter Cress) \*  
*Baptisia leucophaea* – Cream Wild Indigo  
*Bidens cernua* – Nodding Bur Marigold  
*Campanula aparinoides* – Marsh Bellflower  
*Cardamine bulbosa* – Spring Cress  
*Centaurea maculosa* – Spotted Knapweed \*  
*Cerastium vulgatum* – Mouse-Ear Chickweed \*  
*Chenopodium album* – Lamb's Quarter \*  
*Cicuta maculata* – Water Hemlock  
*Circaea lutetiana var canadensis* – Enchanter's Nightshade  
*Cirsium arvense* – Field Thistle \*  
*Cirsium discolor* – Pasture Thistle  
*Cirsium vulgare* – Bull Thistle \*  
*Clematis virginiana* – Virgin's Bower  
*Convolvulus sepium* – Hedge Bindweed  
*Conium maculatum* – Poison Hemlock \*  
*Daucus carota* – Queen-Anne's Lace \*  
*Dianthus armeria* – Deptford Pink \*  
*Echinocystis lobata* – Wild Cucumber  
*Epilobium coloratum* – Cinnamon Willow Herb  
*Erechtites hieracifolia* – Fireweed  
*Erigeron canadensis* – Horseweed  
*Erigeron philadelphicus* – Marsh Fleabane  
*Erigeron strigosus* – Daisy Fleabane  
*Eupatorium maculatum* – Spotted Joe Pye Weed  
*Eupatorium rugosum* – White Snakeroot

**Forbs (continued)**

*Euphorbia corollata* – Flowering Spurge  
*Fragaria virginiana* – Wild Strawberry  
*Galium aparine* – Cleavers  
*Galium obtusum* – Blunt-Leaved Bedstraw  
*Gentiana puberulenta* – Downy Gentian  
*Gnaphalium obtusifolium* – Old-Field Balsam  
*Helenum autumnale* – Sneezeweed  
*Helianthus grosseserratus* – Sawtooth Sunflower  
*Helianthus rigidus* – Prairie Sunflower  
*Helianthus tuberosus* – Jerusalem Artichoke  
*Helianthemum canadense* – Rockrose  
*Heliopsis helianthoides* – Early Sunflower  
*Heracleum maximum* – Cow Parsnip  
*Heuchera richardsonii* – Prairie Alum Root  
*Hieracium longipilum* – Long-bearded Hawkweed  
*Hypericum pyramidatum* – Great St. Johnswort  
*Impatiens capensis* – Orange Jewelweed  
*Kuhnia eupatorioides* – False Boneset  
*Lactuca canadensis* – Wild Lettuce  
*Lechea stricta* – Bushy Pinweed  
*Lemna minor* – Small Duckweed  
*Leonorus cardiaca* – Motherwort \*  
*Lespedeza capitata* – Round-Headed Bushclover  
*Liatris aspera* – Rough Blazingstar  
*Lithospermum incisum* – Fringed Puccoon  
*Lobelia siphilitica* – Great Blue Lobelia  
*Lycopus americanus* – Common Water Horehound  
*Lycopus rubellus* – Stalked Water Horehound  
*Lysimachia nummularia* – Moneywort \*  
*Medicago lupulina* – Black Medick \*  
*Melilotus alba* – White Sweet Clover \*  
*Melilotus officinalis* – Yellow Sweet Clover \*  
*Mentha arvensis* – Wild Mint  
*Mimulus ringens* – Monkey Flower  
*Monarda fistulosa* – Wild Bergamot  
*Myosoton aquaticum* – Water Chickweed  
*Nepeta cataria* – Catnip \*  
*Oxalis stricta* – Common Wood-sorrel  
*Oxalis violacea* – Violet Wood-sorrel  
*Pastinaca sativa* – Wild Parsnip \*  
*Phytolacca americana* – American Pokeweed  
*Physalis pubescens* – Clammy Groundcherry  
*Physalis subglabrata* – Tall Groundcherry  
*Plantago aristata* – Poor Joe  
*Plantago lanceolata* – English Plantain \*  
*Plantago major* – Common Plantain \*  
*Polygala sanguinea* – Field Milkwort  
*Polygonatum biflorum* – Solomon's Seal  
*Polygonum hydropiper* – Water Pepper \*  
*Polygonum persicaria* – Lady's Thumb \*  
*Polygonum scandens* – Climbing False Buckwheat  
*Potentilla arguta* – Prairie Cinquefoil  
*Potentilla recta* – Rough-Fruited Cinquefoil \*  
*Potentilla simplex* – Common Cinquefoil  
*Pycnanthemum virginianum* – Common Mountain Mint  
*Ranunculus abortivus* – Abortive Buttercup  
*Ranunculus fascicularis* – Early Buttercup  
*Ranunculus sceleratus* – Cursed Buttercup  
*Ratibida pinnata* – Yellow Coneflower  
*Rhus radicans* – Poison Ivy  
*Rudbeckia hirta* – Black-Eyed Susan

**Forbs (continued)**

*Rudbeckia laciniata* – Wild Golden Glow  
*Rudbeckia triloba* – Brown-Eyed Susan  
*Rumex acetosella* – Sheep Sorrel  
*Rumex crispus* – Curly Dock \*  
*Scrophularia marilandica* – Late Figwort  
*Senecio pauperculus* – Balsam Ragwort  
*Silphium integrifolium* – Rosinweed  
*Silphium perfoliatum* – Cup Plant  
*Smilacina stellata* – Starry False Solomon's Seal  
*Smilax tamnoides var. hispida* – Catbrier  
*Solanum carolinense* – Horse-Nettle  
*Solanum dulcamara* – Deadly Nightshade \*  
*Solidago altissima* – Tall Goldenrod  
*Solidago nemoralis* – Old Field Goldenrod  
*Specularia perfoliata* – Venus's Looking Glass  
*Stachys tenuifolia var. hispida* – Marsh Hedge Nettle  
*Tanacetum vulgare* – Common Tansy \*  
*Taraxacum officinale* – Dandelion \*  
*Teucrium littorale var. canadense* – Germander  
*Teucrium littorale var. virginicum* – Wood Sage  
*Thalictrum dasycarpum* – Purple Meadow-rue  
*Tradescantia ohiensis* – Ohio Spiderwort  
*Tragopogon pratense* – Goat's Beard \*  
*Tragopogon hybrid* – Goat's Beard x Salsify \*  
*Trifolium pratense* – Red Clover \*  
*Urtica dioica* – Stinging Nettle \*  
*Urtica procera* – Tall Nettle  
*Verbascum blattaria* – Moth Mullein \*  
*Verbascum thapsus* – Common Mullein \*  
*Verbena hastata* – Blue Vervain  
*Verbena urticifolia* – White Vervain  
*Veronica comosa* – Water Speedwell  
*Veronicastrum virginicum* – Culver's Root  
*Vicia cracca* – Cow Vetch \*  
*Viola sagittata* – Arrow-Leaved Violet  
*Viola sororia* – Common Blue Violet  
*Viola pedata* – Bird's Foot Violet

**Shrubs (18) 14 Native**

*Celastrus scandena* – Climbing Bittersweet  
*Cornus racemosa* – Gray Dogwood  
*Cornus stolonifera* – Red Osier Dogwood  
*Corylus americana* – American Hazelnut  
*Lonicera* – Honeysuckle \*  
*Malus ioensis* – Iowa Crab  
*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* – Virginia Creeper  
*Rhamnus cathartica* – Common Buckthorn \*  
*Rhus radicans* – Poison Ivy  
*Ribes missouriense* – Missouri Gooseberry  
*Rosa carolina* – Pasture Rose  
*Rosa multiflora* – Multiflora Rose \*  
*Rubus allegheniensis* – Common Blackberry  
*Rubus flagellaris* – Common Dewberry  
*Rubus occidentalis* – Black Raspberry  
*Sambucus canadensis* – Elderberry  
*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus* – Coralberry  
*Viburnum opulus* – European Highbush Cranberry \*  
*Vitis riparia* – Riverbank Grape

**Trees (15) 12 Native**

*Acer negundo* – Box Elder  
*Acer saccharinum* – Silver Maple  
*Celtis occidentalis* – Hackberry  
*Juglans nigra* – Black Walnut  
*Maclura pomifera* – Osage Orange \*  
*Morus alba* – White Mulberry \*  
*Populus deltoides* – Cottonwood  
*Prunus serotina* – Black Cherry  
*Prunus virginiana* – Choke Cherry  
*Pyrus malus* – Apple \*  
*Quercus macrocarpa* – Bur Oak  
*Quercus velutina* – Black Oak  
*Salix nigra* – Black Willow  
*Tilia americana* – Basswood  
*Ulmus rubra* – Red (Slippery) Elm

**Fish (8)**

*Campostoma anomalum* – Stoneroller  
*Catostomus commersoni* – White Sucker  
*Etheostoma nigrum* – Johnny Darter  
*Moxostoma aureolum* – Northern Redhorse  
*Notropis cornutus* – Common Shiner  
*Phoxinus eos* – Red-Bellied Dace  
*Pimephales notatus* – Blunt-Nose Minnow  
*Semotilus atromaculatus* – Creek Chub

**Reptiles (3)**

*Chelydra serpentina* – Snapping Turtle  
*Storeria dekayi dekayi* – Northern Brown Snake  
*Pituophis melanoleucus* – Bull Snake

**Amphibians (6)**

*Bufo americana* – American Toad  
*Hyla cf. versicolor* – Gray Treefrog  
*Hyla crucifera* – Spring Peeper  
*Pseudacris t. triseriata* – W. Chorus Frog  
*Rana clamitans melanota* – Green Frog  
*Rana p. pipiens* – N. Leopard Frog

**Mammals (14)**

Beaver  
 Eastern Chipmunk  
 Cottontail Rabbit  
 Coyote  
 Mink  
 Woodland Jumping Mouse  
 Opossum  
 Plains Pocket Gopher  
 Raccoon  
 Short-Tailed Shrew  
 Skunk  
 Thirteen-Lined Ground Squirrel  
 White-Tailed Deer  
 Woodchuck

**Insects (97) 91 Native****Butterflies (32)**

*Asterocampa celtis* – Hackberry Butterfly  
*Asterocampa clyton* – Tawny Emperor  
*Bolaria bellona* – Meadow Fritillary  
*Celastrina neglecta* – Summer Azure

**Insects, Butterflies (continued)**

*Colias eurytheme* – Alfalfa Butterfly  
*Colias philodice* – Clouded Sulphur  
*Danaus plexippus* – Monarch  
*Eucretes comyntas* – Eastern Tailed-Blue Butterfly  
*Euptoieta claudia* – Variegated Fritillary  
*Euptychia cymela* – Little Wood Satyr  
*Junonia coenia* – Buckeye  
*Libytheana carinenta bachmanii* – Amerian Snout  
*Limenitis archippus* – Viceroy  
*Limenitis arthemis astyanax* – Red-Spotted Purple  
*Lycaena helloides* – Purplish Copper  
*Lycaena phlaeas americana* – American Copper  
*Nymphalis antiopa* – Mourning Cloak  
*Nymphalis milberti* – Milbert's Tortoiseshell  
*Papilio cressphontes* – Giant Swallowtail  
*Papilio glaucus* – Tiger Swallowtail  
*Papilio polyxenes asterius* – Black Swallowtail  
*Papilio troilus* – Spicebush Swallowtail  
*Phyciodes tharos* – Pearl Crescent  
*Pieris rapae* – European Cabbage Butterfly \*  
*Polygonia comma* – Comma  
*Polygonia interrogationis* – Question Mark  
*Satyrium liparops strigosa* – Striped Hairstreak  
*Satyrium titus* – Coral Hairstreak  
*Speyeria cybele* – Great Spangled Fritillary  
*Vanessa atalanta* – Red Admiral  
*Vanessa cardui* – Painted Lady  
*Vanessa virginiensis* – American Painted Lady

**Damselflies (7)**

*Argia apicalis* – Blue-Fronted Dancer  
*Argia plana* – Springwater Dancer  
*Calopteryx maculata* – Ebony Jewelwing  
*Ischnura hastata* – Citrine Forktail  
*Lestes rectangularis* – Slender Spreadwing  
*Ischnura verticalis* – Eastern Forktail

**Dragonflies (11)**

*Amphiagrion saucium* – Eastern Red Damsel  
*Anax junius* – Common Green Darner  
*Celithemis eponina* – Halloween Pennant  
*Erythemis simplicicollis* – Common Pondhawk  
*Libellula luctuosa* – Widow Skimmer  
*Libellula pulchella* – Twelve-Spotted Skimmer  
*Pachydiplax longipennis* – Blue Dasher  
*Perithemis tenera* – Eastern Amberwing  
*Plathemis (Libellula) lydia* – Common Whitetail  
*Sympetrum semicinctum* – Band-Winged Meadowhawk  
*Sympetrum rubicundulum* – Ruby Meadowhawk  
*Tramea lacerata* – Black Saddlebags

**Moths (14)**

*Ayles lineata* – White-Lined Sphinx Moth  
*Alypia octomaculata* – Eight-Spotted Forester  
*Caenurgina crassiuscula* – Clover Looper  
*Cucullia asteroides* – Goldenrod Hooded Owlet  
*Depressaria pastinacella* – Parsnip Webworm \*  
*Euchaetes egle* – Milkweed Tussock Moth  
*Grammia virgo* – Virgin Tiger Moth  
*Haematopis grataria* – Chickweed Geometer  
*Haploa reversa* – Reversed Haploa  
*Pyrrharctia isabella* – Woolly Bear Isabella Tiger Moth  
*Microcrambus elegans* – Elegant Grass-Veneer  
*Pyrausta ochosalis* – Pyrausta Moth

**Moths (continued)***Simyra insularis* – Henry’s Marsh Moth*Sitochroa palealis* – Carrot Seed Moth**Skippers (6)***Ancyloxyphia numitor* – Least Skipper*Epargyreus clarus* – Silver-Spotted Skipper*Hylephila phyleus* – *Fiery Skipper**Pholisora catullus* – Common Sootywing*Polites coras* – Peck’s Skipper*Thymelicus lineola* – European Skipper**Other (30)***Apion rostrum* – Baptisia Seed Pod Weevil*Archytas apicifer* – Tachinid Fly*Asilus prairiensis* – Robber Fly*Baetidae* – Mayfly*Carmelionidae* – Negro Bug*Chironomus sp.* – Midge Fly*Chrysochus auratus* – Dogbane Beetle*Chrysopidae* – Green Lacewing*Chrysops sp.* – Deerfly*Ctenicera noxia* – Click Beetle*Gerris remigis* – Waterstrider*Hydropsyche simulans* – Caddisfly*Labidomera clivicollis* – Milkweed Leaf Beetle*Mantis religiosa* – European Mantis \**Microcentrum retinerve* – Angular-winged Katydid*Oecanthus fultoni* – Snowy Tree Cricket*Oncopeltus fasciatus* – Large Milkweed Bug*Ostrinia nubilalis* – European Corn Borer \**Pelecinus polyturator* – American Pelecinid*Philaenus spumarius* – Spittle-Bug*Popilla japonica* – Japanese Beetle \**Sepedon fuscipennis* – Marsh Fly*Simulium sp.* – Blackflies*Stenelmis sp.* – Elmid Beetle*Tabanus sp.* – Greenhead Fly*Tenodera aridifolia sinensis* – Chinese Praying Mantis \**Tetraopes tetrophthalmus* – Red Milkweed Beetle*Tremex columba* – Pigeon Tremex (Horntail)*Trichodes nutalli* – Red-Blue Checked Beetle*Trirhabda canadensis* – Goldenrod Leaf Beetle**Birds (138) 133 Native**

Double-Crested Cormorant

Great Blue Heron

Green Heron

Turkey Vulture

Cackling Goose

Canada Goose

Wood Duck

Mallard

Bald Eagle

Osprey

Northern Harrier

Sharp-Shinned Hawk

Broad-Winged Hawk

Red-Tailed Hawk

Rough-legged Hawk

American Kestrel

Ring-Necked Pheasant \*

Northern Bobwhite

Wild Turkey

**Birds (continued)**

Sora

Sandhill Crane

Killdeer

American Woodcock

Wilson’s Snipe

Solitary Sandpiper

Greater Yellowlegs

Spotted Sandpiper

Rock Pigeon \*

Mourning Dove

Black-Billed Cuckoo

Yellow-Billed Cuckoo

Eastern Screech-Owl

Great Horned Owl

Barred Owl

Common Nighthawk

Chimney Swift

Ruby-Throated Hummingbird

Belted Kingfisher

Red-Headed Woodpecker

Red-Bellied Woodpecker

Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Olive-Sided Flycatcher

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Willow Flycatcher

Least Flycatcher

Eastern Phoebe

Great Crested Flycatcher

Eastern Kingbird

Yellow-Throated Vireo

Warbling Vireo

Philadelphia Vireo

Red-Eyed Vireo

Blue Jay

American Crow

Purple Martin

Tree Swallow

Northern Rough-Winged Swallow

Cliff Swallow

Bank Swallow

Barn Swallow

Black-Capped Chickadee

White-Breasted Nuthatch

Brown Creeper

House Wren

Winter Wren

Marsh Wren

Sedge Wren

Golden-Crowned Kinglet

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet

Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher

Eastern Bluebird

Gray-Cheeked Thrush

Swainson’s Thrush

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

Gray Catbird

Brown Thrasher

**Birds (continued)**

European Starling \*  
Cedar Waxwing  
Golden-Winged Warbler  
Tennessee Warbler  
Orange-Crowned Warbler  
Nashville Warbler  
Northern Parula Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Chestnut-Sided Warbler  
Magnolia Warbler  
Cape May Warbler  
Yellow-Rumped Warbler  
Black-Throated Green Warbler  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Yellow-Throated Warbler  
Palm Warbler  
Bay-Breasted Warbler  
Blackpoll Warbler  
Black-and-White Warbler  
American Redstart  
Prothonotary Warbler  
Northern Waterthrush  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Ovenbird  
Kentucky Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Wilson's Warbler  
Yellow-Breasted Chat  
Eastern Towhee  
Scarlet Tanager  
American Tree Sparrow  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Vesper Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-Throated Sparrow  
White-Crowned Sparrow  
Dark-Eyed Junco  
Northern Cardinal  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Indigo Bunting  
Dickcissel  
Bobolink  
Red-Winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Western Meadowlark  
Rusty Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Orchard Oriole  
Baltimore Oriole  
Purple Finch  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow \*  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow \*

**Miscellaneous (14)**

*Argiope aurantia* – Black and Yellow Garden Spider  
*Argiope trifasciata* – Banded Garden Spider  
*Dermacentor variabilis* – Wood Tick  
*Dugesia tigrina* – Planarian  
*Gammarus lacustris* – Scud  
*Hyalla azteca* – Sideswimmer  
*Hydrachnidae* – Water Mite  
*Limax* – Slug  
*Lumbricus terrestris* – Night Crawler \*  
*Naididae* – Aquatic Worm  
*Opilio sp.* – Harvestman  
*Physa* – Pond Snail  
*Spharium sp.* – Fingernail Clam  
*cf. Trombicula alfreddugesi* – Red Mite